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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Huntington Beach — Several Detained on Smuggling Boat at Huntington Beach

(U) Eleven people were detained by US Customs and Border Protection (CPB) on 20 February after a smuggling boat washed ashore in Huntington Beach. The vessel was discovered near a lifeguard tower before it made it to ground. Six people tried to flee but were detained. Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies responded to the scene all 11 people were in the country illegally and were not citizens.

SOURCE: 21 February 2023, [KTLA News](#)

(U) San Francisco — Man Facing Felony Hate Crime Charges for Dolores Park Incident

(U) An arrest was made on 17 February at San Francisco's Dolores Park. John Killops allegedly shouted racial slurs and threatened to kill a Black and Latina woman in the park. Killops faces a felony charge for making criminal threats with a hate crime allegation. Prosecutors believe they have evidence that the crime was driven by hostility towards Black people. If found guilty of the hate crime allegation, he will face up to six-years in state prison.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [KRON News](#)

(U) Santa Maria — Suspect Breaks into Courthouse and Starts Fire

(U) The Santa Maria courthouse over the weekend was vandalized by a man inquiring about an upcoming hearing in a vandalism case. After learning the location of the courtroom, the suspect Eric Spies ignored the guard's order to leave and shattered two glass doors to enter the complex and then broke a wood door frame, and entered the Department 8 courtroom, where he started a fire. The estimated repairs at the state-owned building could cost a half-million-dollars-or-more and take at least six-months to complete. Eric Spies was arrested and held on \$75,000 bail.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [AP News](#)

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(U) Colorado — High School Classes Cancelled After Shelter-in-Place Order Issued

(U) Boulder — The FBI is involved in the investigation into the incidents at the schools across Colorado. On 22 February all classes were canceled for Boulder High School after a shelter-in-place was ordered as part of the response to an unconfirmed report of a possible active shooter on campus. The dispatch center received a call and heard shots being fired in the background. No threat was found, and the shelter-in-place was lifted before 11 a.m. Similar situations reported at schools in Alamosa, Aspen, Canon City, Durango, Englewood, Glenwood Springs, and Carbondale on Wednesday morning. The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is monitoring those school lockdowns reported.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [CBS News](#)

(U) Florida — Six Nigerian Nationals Face Fraud Charges in a Scheme Involving the Elderly

(U) Miami — Six Nigerian Nationals, three residing in the United Kingdom and three residing in Spain, face federal charges in Miami for operating a large transnational fraud scheme. The defendants are

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charged with operating an inheritance fraud scheme for more than five-years. They allegedly sent personalized letters to elderly consumers in the US, falsely claiming that the sender was a representative of a bank in Spain and that the recipient was entitled to receive a multimillion-dollar inheritance left for the recipient by a family member who purportedly had died years before in Spain. The defendants are all charged with conspiracy, and mail- and wire-fraud.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Puerto Rico — US CBP Seizes 99-Pounds of Cocaine Below a Vessel Arriving to San Juan

(U) San Juan — US CBP officers seized 99.2-pounds of cocaine concealed below the bow of the M/V Lyktos arriving from the Dominican Republic. On 20 February, during routine cargo inspection of the M/V Lyktos, CBP Officers detected anomalies which prompted a request for assistance of the San Juan Municipal Police divers. The divers found cargo net bundle on the port side of the bow thruster. The estimated value of the seized cocaine is \$990,000.

SOURCE: 21 February 2023, [CPB](#)

(U) South Carolina — Woman in ‘Las Señoritas’ Drug Trafficking Group Found in Mexico

(U) Columbia — A woman believed to be a member of drug trafficking group known as “Las Señoritas” was arrested Monday in Mexico City. Jennifer Burns is one of 43 defendants indicted in January on a collective 170 charges by the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office. She was accused of conspiring to traffic 400-grams or more of methamphetamine. Officials believe Burns and two other women accused, fled to Mexico sometime between the end of 2018 and 2020, and were living among Jalisco New Generation Cartel members and sourcing drugs directly from the group. At the time of her arrest, she was caught with 87 doses of cocaine and a box containing fentanyl.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [NY Post](#)

(U) Tennessee — Fire at Department of Energy’s Nuclear Storehouse

(U) Oak Ridge — A fire broke out Wednesday at the US Department of Energy nuclear weapon and nuclear fuel depot in Oak Ridge, TN. Around 200 employees in and near the building were evacuated, and no injuries or contamination were reported. A fire broke out in a handling hood used to safely deal with radioactive materials at the Y-12 National Security Complex. The Y-12 National Security Complex, which was built as part of the Manhattan Project to enrich uranium for the first atomic bombs, now handles the upkeep of America’s nuclear weapons stockpile and fuel for nuclear-powered Navy vessels.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [Washington Times](#)

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(U) Israel — Ten Palestinians Killed During Israeli Raid Targeting Militants in West Bank

(U) Nablus — Israeli troops killed ten Palestinians, including at least three gunmen and three civilians, and wounded over 100 individuals during a raid in Nablus on Wednesday, 22 February. Israeli authorities said while trying to detain militants suspected of planning imminent attacks; Israeli troops were attacked by rocks, Molotov cocktails and “explosive devices.” There were no Israeli casualties, and two Islamic Jihad commanders were killed.

SOURCE: 22 February 2023, [Reuters](#)

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